

Senate Resolution 1214

By: Senators Wiles of the 37th, Rogers of the 21st, Hill of the 32nd, Thompson of the 33rd
and Stoner of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Cool Dreams, Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the historic Iditarod Sled Dog Race has been called the "Last Great Race on
3 Earth" and it is a tribute to Alaska's past, the route serving as a life-saving highway for the
4 children of Nome, Alaska, in need of medical attention in the 1920's diphtheria outbreak
5 when a serum to fight the disease was brought in by the intrepid dog mushers and their
6 faithful, hard-driving dogs; and

7 WHEREAS, the current race, which began in 1973, is the longest sled dog race in the world,
8 and it puts man and animal in some of the roughest, most beautiful terrain in the United
9 States; and

10 WHEREAS, teams comprising 16 dogs and their musher must cover over 1,150 miles of
11 jagged mountain ranges, frozen rivers, dense forests, and miles of windswept coast over a
12 period of 11 to 21 days, including temperatures far below zero, winds that can cause a
13 complete loss of visibility, long hours of darkness, and treacherous climbs; and

14 WHEREAS, having never set foot in Alaska before 1997, Georgian Bill Borden trained his
15 teammates for three years in the frigid cold of Alaska with the support of his wonderful wife
16 Brenda, and in 2002, Bill became the first Georgian to finish the Iditarod, in 14 days, four
17 hours, ten minutes, and 14 seconds to become only the 540th person in the world to finish
18 the race; and

19 WHEREAS, during that life-changing experience Bill realized that his life rules of proper
20 planning, perseverance, and following his faith were what allowed him to be one of the select
21 few to finish the Iditarod; and

1 WHEREAS, in order to share these life rules with children, he and his wife founded Cool
2 Dreams, Inc., a not-for-profit organization dedicated to bringing to children his message that
3 through proper planning, perseverance, and faith any dream is possible; and

4 WHEREAS, since its inception Bill Borden's presentation has been experienced by over
5 300,000 people and changed the lives of children from coast to coast, bringing to life what
6 the determination and faith of one man with a supportive family from Georgia can do to
7 change the world one child at a time; and

8 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to recognize with particularity
9 the outstanding accomplishments of this extraordinary organization.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
11 join together to recognize Cool Dreams, Inc., for its extraordinary message and work with
12 children.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and
14 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Cool Dreams, Inc., and Bill
15 Borden.